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CAMBODIAN SITUATIONER

1. EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING A SMALL FORCE OF ENEMY SOLDIERS LANDED FROM BOATS NEAR THE BRIDGE SPANNING THE BASSAC RIVER ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF PHNOM PENH. THE ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED A GOVERNMENT MILITARY POST AT THE END OF THE BRIDGE WITH ROCKETS AND SMALL ARMS, WOUNDING 23 PERSONS INCLUDING CIVILIANS WHO WERE IN THE AREA. GOVERNMENT TROOPS ENGAGED THE ENEMY AND FORCED THEM TO WITHDRAW, LEAVING TEN ROCKETS AND SEVERAL SMALL ARMS BEHIND.

2. IN AN ENEMY ARTILLERY ATTACK TUESDAY NEAR THE CITY OF KOMPONG CHHNANG, ONE CHILD WAS KILLED AND SIX PERSONS WERE WOUNDED. THE ENEMY ALSO SHELLED SVAY RIENG, PREY VENG, KOMPONG THOM AND SIEM REAP (ANGKOR).

3. REINFORCEMENTS JOINED THE TROOPS ENGAGED IN CLEARING HIGHWAY UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUR ON TUESDAY. ENEMY FORCES CONTINUE TO HOLD PORTIONS OF THE HIGHWAY SOUTHWEST OF KOMPONG SPEU.

4. THE ENEMY BRIEFLY TOOK A PORTION OF HIGHWAY FOUR 17 KILOMETERS

WEST OF PHNOM PENH'S POCHENTONG AIRPORT EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.
GOVERNMENT FORCES REACTED IMMEDIATELY AND RECAPTURED THE AREA.

5. A MEKONG RIVER CONVOY ARRIVED SAFELY IN KOMPONG CHAM ON TUESDAY.
THE BOATS CARRIED RICE AND MILITARY SUPPLIES AND WERE SUBJECTED
TO ONE LIGHT ATTACK EN ROUTE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO
SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

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